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1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4194

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics or externships from the application of the conflict of interest rules under section 205 of such title.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Law Student Clinic  
3 Participation Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. LAW STUDENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXEMP-**  
5 **TION.**

6       Section 205 of title 18, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8       “(j) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a law  
9 student or legal clinic staff member participating in the  
10 legal clinic or externship of an accredited law school, with  
11 respect to a matter within the scope of the clinic or  
12 externship, unless—

13           “(1) the student or staff has participated per-  
14 sonally and substantially in the matter as a Govern-  
15 ment employee or special Government employee  
16 through decision, approval, disapproval, rec-  
17 ommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation,  
18 or otherwise; or

19           “(2) the matter is pending in the department or  
20 agency of the Government in which the student is  
21 serving.”.

**1 SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2           This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
3 take effect upon the expiration of the 60-day period begin-  
4 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives December 16,  
2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*